

## AUDIT COMMITTEE - 23 MARCH 2021

### PART I - DELEGATED

#### 7. ACCOUNTING POLICIES 2020/21 (DoF)

##### 1. Summary

- 1.1 Accounting Policies to be used in preparing the Council's 2020/21 statement of accounts are set out in Appendix 1.

##### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 There are no changes to the substance of the accounting policies for 2020/21 since the 2019/20 accounts were prepared.

- 2.2 IFRS16 was due to be adopted as part of the 2020/21 accounting policies to bring all leased assets worth over £10,000 on the balance sheet from 1 April 2021. Officers had been working with EY to identify the proposed accounting treatment prior to the 2020/21 closedown. However the adoption has been delayed again due to the impact on services that COVID-19 has had. IFRS 16 will now be effective from 1 April 2022. The change in accounting treatment should not have a material impact on the Council's usable financial resources.

##### 3. Policy/Budget Reference and Implications

- 4.1 The recommendations in this report are within the Council's agreed policy and budgets.

##### 4. Financial, Legal, Equal Opportunities, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety, Public Health, Customer Services Centre, Communications & Website, Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

- 4.1 None specific.

##### 5. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Audit Committee are asked to review and comment upon the accounting policies.

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##### Data Quality

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Data checked by: Client Audit Manager (PSIAS).

Data rating:

1	Poor	
2	Sufficient	
3	High	√

## **Appendices**

- Extract of Accounting Policies

## **Background papers**

No papers were used in the preparation of this report.